

Whereas, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) subsidized child care is a support service that allows parents to become and remain employed and contribute to the Texas economy; and

Whereas, making affordable child care available to parents addresses a common barrier to employment and enhances parents' ability to participate in workforce training activities; and

Whereas, the Texas Rising Star certification program is the Texas Workforce Commission's child care certification program for providers who accept children in the TWC subsidized child care program and are reimbursed by TWC for that care;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT:

- Incentivizing compensation for child care providers who are Texas Rising Star certified.
- Revising and increasing the rigor of the Texas Rising Star certification program. The Texas Rising Star certification program should include standards for infants and toddlers, support professional development and quality initiatives for children in the Texas Workforce Commission's subsidized child care program.
- Increasing federal and state investment to eliminate waiting lists and improve the quality of care of children in the Texas Workforce Commission's subsidized child care program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ADDED TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.